

CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
JUNE 25, 1952

Pursuant to the adjournment taken from its regular meeting of June 18, 1952, the City Council of the City of Lodi met at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, June 25, 1952; Councilmen Robert H. Rinn, Mabel R. Richey, W. J. Robinson and Mayor T. A. Haskell, present; Councilman Ed Preszler absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting, June 18, 1952, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

S.J.D. & D. COUNCIL MEETING	Letter from San Joaquin County Disaster & Defense Council announcing the regular monthly meeting to be held in the City Hall, Stockton, at 3 p.m., June 26, 1952, was read by the City Manager.
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

At this time Mayor Haskell decoared the meeting open to anyone who cared to address the Council.

COORDINATING
COUNCIL
PROPOSES PLAN
FOR S.P.CO.
PROPERTY

Ed DeBenedetti, representing the Coordinating Council, explained that the Coordinating Council had recognized the necessity of doing something to improve the appearance of the area belonging to the Southern Pacific Company which lies in front of the depot bordering on Sacramento Street. As chairman of a committee appointed to study the problem, DeBenedetti presented the City Council with a plan for improving the area developed in conjunction with a representative of the Southern Pacific Company. The plan calls for preparing the area for off-street parking with a black topping surface and beautifying the general area by planting shrubs. The estimated cost of the plan would be \$1922.00. Mayor Haskell expressed the view that although the Council recognizes the need for additional parking area, he believed that the question of the parking area should be taken up as part of the over-all parking problem. He further stated that he felt it an appropriate time to give consideration to the problem by getting business men, merchants, etc., together as an attempt to reach a solution and that the question of the S. P. Co. parking area could be included in the study. Mrs. Richey stated that it was her understanding that the primary purpose of the Coordinating Council's proposal was the beautification of the area. This view was substantiated by Miss Amy Boynton, a member of the Coordinating Council. Councilman Rinn stated that the obligation for providing off-street parking, which is the merchant's problem, should not be confused with the problem of City beautification. Although he agreed that the S.P. area was an eyesore, he did not want to set a precedent in the matter of beautification. Councilman Robinson mentioned the problem of transient use of the S.P. area during the harvest season, and expressed the view that it was good business to take advantage of the \$1.00 per year lease offered by the S.P. Co. At the conclusion of the discussion it was generally agreed that action on the request of the Coordinating Council would be postponed until Mayor Haskell has an opportunity to appoint a committee for the purpose of studying the parking problem throughout the City.

PARKING
COMMITTEE

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

LIBRARY BOARD
TERMS EXPIRE The City Manager reported on a letter from the City Librarian announcing that the terms of Board members Wilson H. Thompson and Ida L. Rinn expire on June 30, 1952. After 50 years service on the Library Board, Mr. Thompson has asked that he be relieved of further service due to ill health. At the same time Mr. Weller informed the Council that the term of Mr. Walter Tecklenburg on the Planning Commission also expires on June 30. Mr. Rinn moved that a committee consisting of Mayor Haskell, Librarian Boynton and City Manager Weller prepare a tribute for presentation to Mr. Thompson for his long devoted service. On the second of Mrs. Richey, the motion passed.

TRIBUTE TO
W.H.THOMPSON

POLICY
CLARIFICATION Mr. Weller supplied each of the Councilmen with a copy of the proposed policy statement relating to responsibility of subdividers for street improvements as requested by the Council at its previous meeting. Mr. Robinson proposed that the matter be held over until the return of the City Engineer from vacation in order to get his concurrence. Mr. Weller replied that this was not necessary because this is the only policy which could answer the request of the City Engineer. Mayor Haskell felt that the statement should include something more definite relative to the posting of bond or deposit to insure completion of the street work as required. "In no event" he said, "should failure to act on the subdivider's part throw the obligation onto the future property owner." Councilman Rinn moved that the City Manager amend the policy statement with the addition of the phrase "as the City Council shall require" to the first sentence of the statement and report back at the next Council meeting. With the second of Mrs. Richey, the motion was passed.

CLAIMS Claims in the amount of \$32,535.51 were ordered paid on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second.

ORD. 458
ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 458, "ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK SIX, LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION", having been introduced after public hearing on June 18, 1952, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Richey second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Richey, Rinn and Robinson.
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, Preszler

Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 458 in approval thereof.

ORD. 460
ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 460, "AMENDING THE ZONE DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI BY ADDING THERETO THE '42ND ADDITION, SOUTH OF LODI BARNHARDT TRACT AND WEST OF CHERO-DEE LANE', AND ZONING AND CLASSIFYING THE LOTS THEREIN", having been introduced after public hearing on June 18, 1952, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Rinn second, second reading omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Rinn, Richey & Robinson
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, Preszler

Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 460 in approval thereof.

ORD. 461
ADOPTED

PARKING
METERS
PROTESTED

ORDINANCE NO. 461, "ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF LODI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1952, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1953" having been introduced after public hearing on June 18, 1952, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Robinson second. Mr. H. E. Looser, 407 West Elm Street, addressed the Council and explained that remarks attributed to him as a result of a statement in the local newspaper were misleading. Rather than criticizing the proposed budget, it had been his intent to express the view that the citizens should take a greater interest in the work of the City Council and that the Council, itself, would appreciate such interest. Mr. Looser went on to state his objection to the continued use of parking meters in that they destroy the morale of the downtown business district. Mayor Haskell explained that the question of downtown parking would be taken up by the proposed committee on off-street parking. Mr. Garnett Best of the Northern San Joaquin County Taxpayers' Association inquired as to how the City of Lodi was able to increase the budget total without a corresponding increase in the tax rate. The answer to his question was furnished by Mr. Weller. There being no further discussion, the question before the Council was called and the motion passed by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmen, Rinn, Haskell, Richey and Robinson
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, Preszler
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 461 in approval thereof.

ORD. 462
ADOPTED

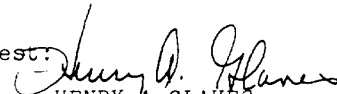
ORDINANCE NO. 462, "PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY NORTH CHURCH STREET, TURNER ROAD, GRANT AVENUE AND WEST LOCKEFORD STREET BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR", having been introduced after public hearing on June 18, 1952, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Rinn second, second reading omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmen, Haskell, Rinn, Robinson and Richey
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, Preszler
Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 462 in approval thereof.

LEAVE
GRANTED

The request of Mrs. Mary Todd for a leave of absence for a twelve month period by reason of pregnancy was submitted to the Council by the City Manager who recommended approval. Councilman Robinson moved that the request be granted with the understanding that such grant does not in any way infer a precedent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rinn and passed.

At the order of the Mayor the City Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Attest:


HENRY A. GLAVES
City Clerk